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MEN ON MISSION

On The Cover

Every year over 1,300 boys enjoy a week of summer camp at Caraway

N.C. Baptist Men Staff

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Honoring God Is The Most Important Thing For Each Of Us To Do

Our Baptist Men's Convention was supposed to be held on February 2–4. Heavy amounts of snow and ice on February 2nd, forced us to cancel our meeting at the last minute. Needless to say, on Friday, February 2nd, I was feeling pretty discouraged. I felt like all the work and all the planning had been for nothing and an excellent program was not to be. We tried to get the word to everyone, but Taylor Field (missionary in New York City) didn't get the word before flying out of New York. When I picked Taylor up at the airport in Raleigh it was the first that he had heard about the meeting being canceled. Taylor probably noticed my discouragement and said, "Just remember the story in II Samuel when David was in a cave and he told some of his men that he was homesick and longed for a drink of water from the well in Bethlehem, but Bethlehem was occupied by the Philistine soldiers. Three of David's men wanted to honor David so they forced their way through the Philistine camp, drew some water from the well and brought it back to David. David was so moved by their honor for him that he couldn't drink the water and he poured it out as an offering to the Lord. These men were trying to honor David and that was the most important thing." Taylor went on to say, "The men's convention was planned to honor God and that's the most important thing."

What is most important to us may not be most important to God.

Sometimes we judge success by numbers, budgets or events, but God looks beyond outward appearances and sees straight to the heart. What is most important to us may not be most important to God. So persevere, remain faithful, watch over you heart with all diligence (Proverbs 4:23), and seek to honor God.

By the way, we have rescheduled our Baptist Men's Convention for May 17–18, at First Church in High Point. Miraculously, all of our main speakers can reschedule for this weekend. I hope that you can be with us for this weekend, but most importantly I pray that this weekend will honor God because that's the most important thing.

Richard Brunson

True Success

MAURICE COOK, NCBM PRESIDENT

Perhaps you noticed it, too—the slick cover of a popular financial magazine with a photograph and large bold caption, 10 SECRETS FROM THE INVESTOR WHO TURNED $5,000 into $22 million. The photograph and caption referred to Anne Scheiber who died in 1995 at the age of 101 after amassing the huge amount of wealth. Curiosity led me to the related article inside the magazine. I read how her investment savvy earned her a place among the investing giants of our time. And there were the lessons of Anne Scheiber's story—tips on how you and I might achieve a similar feat.

But I was looking for information about the person, Anne Scheiber. What made her tick? What was her view of life? What had she done with her millions to benefit humankind? I finally found a partial answer in the very last paragraph of the article: "She died without one real friend; she didn't get even one phone call during her last five years of life. Says her former broker, William Fay: 'A big day for her was walking down to the Merrill Lynch vault near Wall Street to visit her stock certificates. She did that a lot. But to you and me, her life was terrible.' "

A success story? Hardly! But one would conclude from the cover page and most of the article that Anne Scheiber, a Jewish immigrant from Poland, had realized the great American dream. It reflects the warped view of success that is prevalent in our secular world. After all, what do most people call someone who is an alcoholic, divorced, whose kids are on drugs, but is the president of a Fortune 500 company—A SUCCESS!

Almost everyone has the drive to succeed, and that is good. Most of us spend the majority of our time, resources, and abilities trying to achieve success as we understand it. But what is the definition of success? The American College Dictionary defines success as, "the favorable or prosperous termination of attempts or endeavors, the gaining of wealth, position, or the like." That is the definition that the world would have us embrace. Our bookstores and libraries are filled with self-help books guaranteeing success based on achievement by comparison to others and focuses on the external, tangible and temporal (i. e., money, power, control, and beauty). The results inevitably lead to emptiness, disillusionment and dissatisfaction.

What is the definition of success?

God's perspective is vastly different than that of the world. In the parable of the talents (Matthew 25), the Bible teaches that the definition of true success is: Faithfully pleasing God with the resources and responsibilities He gives us. There are many values of true success. Let's explore just a few of them. True success has a deep concern for:

1) Integrity

Someday, when all is said and done, we want to enjoy the assurance that we were faithful employers and employees, told the truth, kept clean numbers, did not compromise ourselves, and were quick to seek forgiveness of anyone we had wronged. Professional recognition is secondary, in fact, immaterial.

"Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh truth in his heart." (Psalm 15:1-2)

2) Character growth

Character is important because it is what God sees when He looks at us. It means letting go of harmful, sinful habits and adopting healthy, Christlike ones instead. It is crucial that He sees growth toward Christlikeness—a changed lifestyle. Titles and positions are irrelevant.

"God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)

3) Relationships

How we interact with people, and not our financial status, is a yardstick for measuring success. A successful person is one who brings out the best in others, and gives only the best of himself.

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10)

4) Serving God at Work

About 40 percent of American workers report that they do just enough work to keep their jobs. Stop for a moment and ask yourself, 'What would I do differently in my work if Jesus Christ were my boss?'

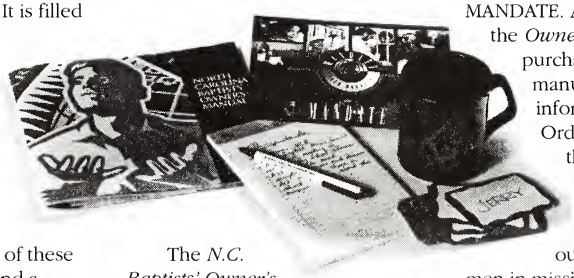
"Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same he shall receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free." (Ephesians 6:8)

Success means different things to different people. What does success mean to YOU??

MANDATE And N.C. Baptists' Owner's Manual

The *N.C. Baptists' Owner's Manual* is designed to inform, inspire and involve. The *Owner's Manual* gives practical ideas on how to have an effective missions program in your church. It is filled with stories about N.C. Baptist men and women who are involved in a variety of missions projects. The *Owner's Manual* also provides 12 easy-to-use, ready-to-go monthly Baptist Men's or co-ed missions programs. Each of these 12 programs is built around a special video segment included on the MANDATE missions video magazine.

MANDATE, produced by the Baptist State Convention, is a monthly video program. MANDATE is mailed quarterly, and includes three monthly programs on each tape. MANDATE includes stories on state missions as well as foreign and home missions.



The *N.C. Baptists' Owner's Manual* provides suggestions for a good Baptist Men's meeting, including information and discussion questions to precede and follow the showing of the video segment.

The cost to subscribe to MANDATE is $20 per year (this is for all four video tapes). One copy of the *Owner's Manual* is included with each subscription to MANDATE. Additional copies of the *Owner's Manual* can be purchased for $4 per manual. Subscription information is below. Order a copy for each of the men in your church.

Our goal is not to push programs; our goal is to involve men in missions. This video and *Owner's Manual* is a new and different method, but we believe that it will be an excellent way to inform, inspire and involve the men and women of your church in doing missions.

MANDATE MISSIONS VIDEO MAGAZINE ORDER CARD

I wish to subscribe to the 1995–1996 MANDATE missions video magazine (12 monthly programs mailed quarterly and one *Owner's Manual*) for only $20 per year.

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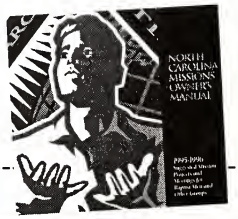

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST MEN, PO BOX 1107, CARY, NC 27512–1107

1995 N.C. Baptist Men Involvement Celebrated

OVERSEAS MISSIONS:
Volunteers ministered in the following countries:

- Ukraine—170
- Prague, Czech Republic—600
- India—15
- Brazil
- Albania
- Switzerland
- Antigua
- St. Martin

HOMELAND PROJECTS:
Volunteers helped build these mission churches:

- Korean First, Raleigh
- Hispanic Mission, Kernersville
- Hispanic Mission, Clinton
- Hispanic Mission, Pittsboro
- Maplewood, Yadkinville
- Hispanic Mission, Flat River Association
- Carmel, Salisbury
- Sims Church, Sims
- New Beginning, Tobaccoville
- Faith Mission, Hollister

Additional Homeland Projects Baptist Men supported:

- N.C. Baptist Assembly (Caswell renovation)
- Tar Heel Lodge, Ridgecrest
- Camp Mundo Vista renovation
- Andrew recovery effort, Miami, Florida
- South Dakota–church construction
- Graffiti Project Manhatten, NY
- New York Partnership
- Hope Builders Pilot Project, Shelby
- Baptist Student Union, UNC-Wilmington
- Community service projects with prison inmates

LAY RENEWAL MINISTRY:

- 19 churches hosted Renewal Weekends

LAY REVIVALS:

- 20 churches hosted Revival Weekends

MEDICAL MINISTRY:

- Medical Dental Bus had 985 medical/dental volunteers ministering to 1,552 patients in 77 locations
- Over two million dollars (wholesale value) worth of medicines sent to Ukraine
- Thousands of dollars worth of medicine also sent to India and Belarus

DISASTER RELIEF RESPONSE:

- Volunteers responded to the following disasters:
  - Western N.C. flooding—20
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  - Massachusetts tornadoes—30
  - Alabama tornadoes—30
  - St. Martin hurricane—10
  - Antigua hurricane—12
  - Florida hurricane clean-up—200
  - $20,000 sent to Oklahoma to assist with the bombing relief efforts

PRAYER SUPPORT:

- Prayer/Worship Conference held this year at N.C. Baptist Assembly with 50 in attendance.

CORRECTIONAL MINISTRY:

- 99 boys with a parent in prison attended Camp Caraway as a result of scholarships & transportation provided by N.C. Baptists.

RESORT MINISTRY:

- Easter, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day holiday rest stop ministries conducted by Baptist men across the state.

CAMPS:

- Over 1,300 boys attended Camp Caraway this summer
- 94 participated in a week of Christian High Adventure
- 195 attended the State Lad/ Crusader Camporee
- Over 1,300 attended the RA Congresses.
- Almost 1,000 participated in World Missions Week at N.C. Baptist Assembly (Caswell) in July.

SPORTS MISSIONS:

- Sports camps for inner-city kids were held in Orlando, FL and Wilmington, N.C. to introduce Christ and the church as a source of love and caring.
- A Sports Evangelism team and their coaches traveled to St. Vincent to use basketball as a means to share the gospel.
- A soccer team and their coaches also went to Trinidad and Tobago for the same reason.

AG MISSIONS:

- Numerous Baptist Men and RA groups grew seed for ECHO.
- Ag Team assisted with project in Tobago
- $15,000 sent to Croatia to provide corn seed to people in this war-torn area.

Mission Statement

The goal of North Carolina Baptist Men is to help N.C. churches and associations involve their members (especially men and boys) in missions.

The objectives for accomplishing this goal are to:

- *enable and equip men and boys to be personally involved in mission activities*
- *encourage men and boys to identify and develop their personal ministries*
- *educate men and boys concerning mission opportunities*
- *teach men and boys the importance of praying for and giving to missions*
- *lead men and boys in developing in all areas and aspects of their lives to become mature, active and involved Christians.*

1996 N.C. Baptist Men's Convention To Be Held On May 17–18

The 1996 N.C. Baptist Men's Convention has been rescheduled and will be held at First Church in High Point, N.C. on May 17–18.

An excellent convention has been planned for both men and women. Highlights of this convention will include music by Kyle Matthews, storyteller and concert artist from Nashville, Tenn., as well as gospel through drama and mime by Doug Berky of Greenville, S.C. The Friday evening message will be by Jimmy Allen, former president of the SBC. The Saturday morning message will be presented by Taylor Field, director of Graffiti Ministries, New York, N.Y. In addition, there will be Saturday morning and afternoon mission action conferences, and a Saturday evening message by Millard Fuller from Americus, Ga. who is founder and president of Habitat for Humanity. The Sunday morning prayer breakfast will be at First Church, High Point with Taylor Field as the speaker. Other highlights of the weekend include testimonies and the dedication of a Habitat for Humanity house in High Point.

Hotel Reservations:

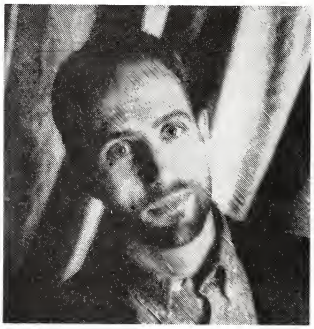
Two hotels in High Point have agreed to give a special convention rate for the N.C. Baptist Men's Convention. You will need to make your own hotel reservation directly with the hotel. Be sure to ask for the special Baptist Men's Convention rate. Other hotels are available in the High Point area, and you should feel free to choose any you like.

- Holiday Inn, 236 S. Main Street, High Point; Special rate of $52 plus tax for double/single. Call (800) 465–4329 or (910) 886–7011 to make reservations.
- Radisson Hotel, 135 S. Main Street, High Point; Special rate of $62 plus tax for double/single. Call (800) 333–3333 by May 3.

Cost:

No registration fee will be charged. An offering will be received Friday and Saturday nights to help offset the program expense.

- $4/per person Saturday Prayer Breakfast at First Church, High Point.
- $5/per person Saturday Lunch at First Church, High Point
- $5/per person Saturday Supper at First Church, High Point



Kyle Matthews, Nashville, Tenn.

Doug Berky, Greenville, S.C.

Jimmy Allen
Atlanta, Ga.

Taylor Field,
New York, New York

Millard Fuller
Americus, Ga.

N.C. Baptist Men's Convention Reservation Form

Complete and return by May 9. Please make check payable to NCBM and mail to PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107.

Name_____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

#____ $4/per person — Saturday Prayer Breakfast, First Church, High Point = Total $_____

#____ $5/per person — Saturday Lunch, First Church, High Point = Total $_____

#____ $5/per person — Saturday Supper, First Church, High Point = Total $_____

Grand Total $_____

ORGANIZING MEN FOR MISSIONS

HOW TO ORGANIZE AN EFFECTIVE BAPTIST MEN'S GROUP IN YOUR CHURCH

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF BAPTIST MEN?

Simply stated, Baptist Men exists to help churches involve their members in missions. Every Christian is called, gifted, and sent to witness and minister to a lost world. Baptist Men takes seriously the fact that all people — not just ordained ministers — are equally responsible to be witnesses. Every Christian is a missionary.

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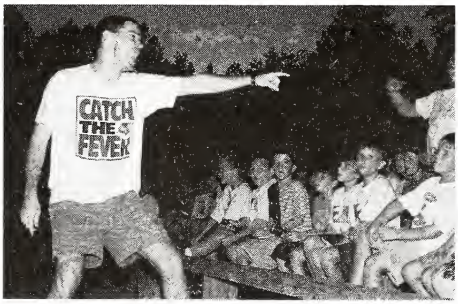
HOW CAN I ORGANIZE MY CHURCH TO BE INVOLVED IN MISSIONS?

The North Carolina Baptists' Owner's Manual provides a simple organizational framework for Baptist Men in your church. Each monthly program includes practical suggestions on how men and boys and your church can become INVOLVED in some specific mission project or activity.



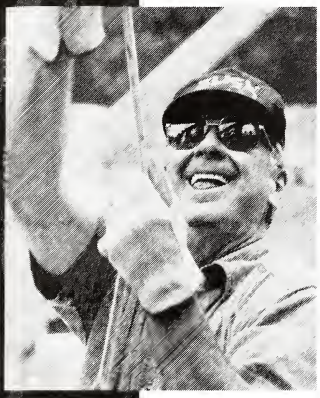
NC Baptist Men's philosophy is this: Involvement will eventually lead men to learn more about missions. Involvement comes first.

You do not need a complex organization to do missions. There is no need for a large number of missions officers or program planning meetings. There is no "one way" to organize men for missions.

We suggest that you organize in as simple a manner as possible. The Baptist Men's president can serve as chairman of a group of men who serve as mission coordinators for various mission projects (see the possible organiza-

tional chart on opposite page).

In order to involve the men of your church in missions, you must have an effective planning, promotion, and communication network. The best way to do this is to have a Baptist Men's council. Ideally, this council is made up of all the mission project coordinators plus one Baptist Men liaison (representative) in every adult Sunday School class that has men in it. These Baptist Men liaisons make announcements in their Sunday School classes to promote upcoming events, meetings and mission projects, and communicate information to all of the men and women of the church.



WHAT IS A CHURCH BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZATION?

Brotherhood work includes Lad and Crusader Royal Ambassadors (grades 1-6), Challengers (grades 7-12), and Baptist Men. The church Brotherhood director is responsible for the men and boys program in the church. The church Brotherhood director also has responsibility (along with the WMU director) for church-wide missions involvement. In addition to these responsibilities, the Brotherhood director should represent the entire Brotherhood program on the Church Council and on the Missions Development Council.

The Brotherhood director works with all age-level leadership in discovering mission needs and ways to channel

individuals' gifts to help meet those needs. He should work closely with the WMU director to promote the various mission offerings in the church. He should also help involve the church in mission projects in the community.

The main focus is simply this: to involve your church in missions. The organizational structure is not as important as achieving this overall purpose. The structure should be as simple as possible and fit the local church situation.

EXPLANATION OF THE CHURCH BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Angel Tree coordinator — Angel Tree is a ministry to the children of prison inmates. Prison Fellowship provides names of children who have a parent in prison, and churches buy and deliver Christmas gifts to the children. This should be a church-wide mission project.

House warming coordinator — This is a ministry for providing firewood to needy families during the winter months. Baptist Men's groups cut, split, and deliver the wood to a number of families or individuals on a regular basis.

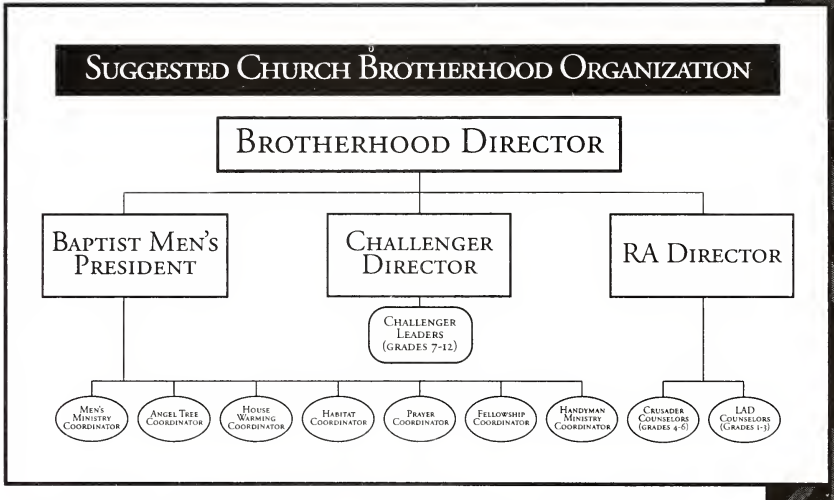
Habitat coordinator — Many churches are involved in building Habitat houses in cooperation with the Habitat for Humanity organization. One way to get involved is to designate one man as your

church's contact person for a local Habitat project. He would be responsible for keeping the Baptist Men and the church informed about the project's progress and needs.

Prayer coordinator Prayer is the one thing that anyone can do. Prayer should undergird everything we do for the sake of the Kingdom. However, someone may need to take the lead in keeping prayer needs before the other members of the group. Some prayer groups meet weekly for prayer.

Fellowship coordinator — Occasionally members need to get together for a time of fellowship and sharing. Some examples of fellowship events include cookouts, golf tournaments, fishing tournaments, or other sporting events. This is a good opportunity to invite members who are not normally involved in order for them to enjoy a meal and at the same time discover what missions is about.

Handyman ministry coordinator — Many churches have discovered that there is a real need for building projects that are not as complex, but just as important, as building houses. A handyman project may be as simple as a minor home repair or as complicated as replacing a roof. For your church to have a handyman ministry, someone needs to take the lead in locating needs, insuring that materials are available, and scheduling the work.



Men's ministries coordinator — Men's ministries are designed to help men become better husbands, fathers, and more mature Christians. Many men meet in accountability groups, spiritual development groups, or other small groups. Splitting into smaller groups requires someone to coordinate scheduling, resources and facilitators.

For more information on how to start a Men's Ministry group, or for information about any of these programs, call the NC Baptist's Men's Office at 800-395-5102.

Baptist News On Audio Cassette Available Free

UPCLOSE, "a magazine for your ears," includes current Baptist news, special mission and ministry stories, a bulletin board of dates and an entertaining anecdote each month by the late Grady Nutt, well-known Baptist humorist.

UPCLOSE
NEWS AND OPINIONS
FOR NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS

The monthly audio cassette is similar in format to a radio newscast and highlights dates of interest to Baptist Men and others involved in church missions and ministry programs. You can listen to UPCLOSE on your car audio cassette player or use it as part of a church mission meeting.

At present, there are around 500 subscribers across the state. If you are interested in receiving a copy of UPCLOSE, please check the appropriate item on the back page.

Local Church Brotherhood Training Set

This year the local church Brotherhood training is set for August 9-10 at Caraway Conference Center located in Asheboro. The program begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday and concludes at noon on Saturday. Total cost is $35 per person (2 per room) and includes program fees, lodging, and three meals. This will be a five-hour training conference in all areas of Brotherhood work including special conferences for Lad & Crusader Counselors (Basic & Advanced), Challenger Program (for boys in grades 7–12), and Baptist Men/Brotherhood directors. To register, please check the appropriate item on the back page.

April 21 Is CP Day

"Live God's Word" is this year's Cooperative Program Day theme. Materials are available to assist you in interpreting and promoting how your church can celebrate and support Southern Baptist efforts of Cooperative Program giving.

The materials give suggestions for prayer events, meals, skits, and other opportunities for involvement of persons in learning about and praying for missions. The 1996 N.C. Mission Program and Budget Brochure shows the distribution of Cooperative Program dollars as well as the options available for churches in mission giving. A Cooperative Program Day poster will be sent with each order.

This is an excellent opportunity to promote financial support for proclaiming the gospel in our state, nation, and the world.

To order the materials or for other Stewardship assistance, call the Baptist State Convention at (800) 395–5102, Ext. 202, 205, or 207, or check the appropriate item on the back page.

"Unto the Least of These..."

THE MATTHEW 25 FUNDS

MISSION SUPPORT FUNDS FOR NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST MEN'S MINISTRIES

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you...'"

They are called the Matthew 25 Funds and their purpose is to be a vital tool for enabling North Carolina Baptists to minister to people in need. You are invited to participate by giving of your financial resources.

"When did we see you sick..."

What Are the Matthew 25 Funds?

The Matthew 25 Funds consist of five different funds. Three of these are essentially reserve funds that can be used as needed for the Medical/Dental Bus, Disaster Relief or Special Ministries. The other two are permanent endowment funds for NCBM Missions and Ministry or Camp Scholarship Endowments. You can choose to give to one or more of these funds.

Who Do I Contact To Get Specific Information About These Five Funds Or To Make My Gift?

For specific information about these funds, contact the North Carolina Baptist Men office at (800) 395-5102, extension 323 or 325. A brochure and a videotape are available explaining each of the funds in more detail.

Gifts are tax deductible and should be made to: The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc. For further information about making a gift and how to include the Matthew 25 Funds in your will and other estate plans, contact the Baptist Foundation at (800) 521–7334.

We will continue to reach out to this lost world around us. With your continued support and God's light, love, and grace, North Carolina Baptist Men will march on to minister to the least of these and, in so doing, touch the heart of God.

"...And the King will answer and say to them, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"
Matthew 25:37-40 NIV

Annual Report Reveals Accomplishments/Opportunities

How many annual reports do you receive? I receive one from my office, IRA, professional organizations, even from my church. So, I thought I might prepare a report for Ag Missions.

Several of our members conducted "How to Conferences" in various settings including the Baptist Men's Convention, associations, and individual churches.

The annual Demonstration Farm Field Day took place on a blistering hot afternoon. The speaker was excellent as were the farm tours and the meal.

The Farm once again produced seed for ECHO. The seed grown was not your everyday butterbeans and corn. Instead, seed such as La Primera Calabaza, Wild Mung Bean, Kaniwa, and Teff was grown. This seed was sent to faraway places like South America and Asia.

We expanded our ECHO ministry by distributing seed to growers across the state. RA groups, WMU groups, Baptist Men, and individuals grew seed. ECHO then sent the seed to missionaries around the world. What a great hands-on mission project this was.

Throughout the year our members spoke to various groups. One of my major emphases is always world hunger relief. We encourage giving to world hunger relief projects as well as looking for local projects with which we can assist.

There is always a request for agricultural assistance from countries around the world. In the past, we have conducted work in Togo, Philippines, Poland, Albania, Antigua, and Tobago. Yet there are those requests that have gone unfilled. We now have requests from Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean.

All people have basic physical needs including good food, clean water, and fiber for clothing. Our goal in Ag Missions is to help meet those needs and at the same time help meet spiritual needs of people. We always attempt to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. I recall an afternoon in Ethiopia, Africa when I was walking up the road to meet with some government officials. I was stopped by an old man who tried kissing my feet and was thanking me over and over. "For what?" I asked. "For saving our lives, for sending food, and for teaching us how to farm," he replied. What a humbling experience that was. Yet it was because of missions-minded Baptists who contributed the grain and the medicines that I was able to be there. It was because of Jesus Christ that I had truly "Good News" to share.

Thank you all who participated in Ag Missions in the past. For those of you who are interested and want to know if there is a place for you in Ag Missions, the answer comes, "Indeed, there is!"

Don Pittman
State Ag Missions Coordinator
4719 River Road
Wilson, N.C. 27893
(919) 243-7328

Wanted:

N.C. Baptist Men Aviation Ministry is seeking to locate Baptist men active in their church who are involved or interested in aviation. If you know of someone in your church who may be interested in helping to develop this ministry, please contact Bob Foy, (704) 334-0680 office, or (704) 664-6422 home; or contact N.C. Baptist Men's office, (800) 395-5102, Ext. 342.

CORRECTIONAL MINISTRY

Camp Angel Tree Reaches Boys

This past summer, 99 boys attended Camp Angel Tree, a joint venture between N.C. Baptist Men and N.C. Prison Fellowship held each year at Camp Caraway in Asheboro. It is a special week that is only for boys who have a parent in prison. During the commitment service at the end of the week, 31 boys (nearly one-third in attendance) made professions of faith.

Johnny Henderson
State Correctional Coordinator
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Seagrove, N.C. 27041
(910) 873–7995

Jason Reedes and Phyon Phifer enjoy canoeing at Camp Caraway.

The boys learn to trust the staff and each other on the ropes course.

DISASTER RELIEF

Disaster Relief Training Changes Announced

Disaster Relief training is set for April 19–20 at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro. This year the annual Disaster Relief training will be done a little differently and focus on some new areas, as well as strengthen the old.

Due to the fact that an abundance of people are trained in the feeding operation, feeding training will be limited to 50 people with registration on a first-come first-serve basis. A disaster recovery lab-type training will also be conducted and actually take participants through a day of hands-on labor. This training will be limited to 40 people. One new area of training offered is disaster child care. This is a very unique, yet very needed, ministry during disaster situations. NCBM is exploring the possibilities of building a State Child Care unit in the near future. The child care training will be limited to 50 people. The cost for training in feeding or child care will be $45 per person. The cost for recovery training is $35 per person (accommodations at boys camp). All fees include three meals, lodging, program fee and hat. The deadline for registration is March 15 or when capacity is reached, whichever comes first. In the interest of fairness to everyone, we will not take phone reservations. If you have questions please call NCBM at (800) 395–5102, Ext. 342. To register, check the appropriate item on the back page.

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'So ugly children would scream and hide'

Operation Turns Woman's Life Around

Leticia was so ugly little children would run behind their mommas and cry when they saw her.

"I looked like a monster," she says now, safely on the other side of an 18-year horror that ended when she found help at Baptist Hospital.

At age 26, Leticia was struck by epitheleal cysts that covered her face, bubbling and boiling over in an angry turmoil. Their roots entwined themselves beneath her skin, tangling and knotting to her skull.

Without her knowledge, they would split and drain, leaving watery trails of shame down her face. When she learned to drain the boils intentionally, it required two hours each morning and evening to drain them and peel away the dead skin.

The disease controlled her life and threatened to control her mental health.

She sought help from every book, medical journal and doctor she could consult, visiting doctors in Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit, Washington, Indianapolis and New York. For 14 years they treated her for serious acne, to no avail.

When she was finally correctly diagnosed with epitheleal cysts, it took her four more years to find a doctor who would operate. Other doctors said the disease was not life threatening and the operation was too complicated and involved more risk than was worth taking.

The operation restored Leticia to her natural beauty.

Finally a doctor at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit recommended Baptist Hospital's Louis Argenta.

"Other doctors said they couldn't make me better, only different," said Leticia, a secretary for Biblical Research Fellowship Ministry in New Knoxville, Ohio. "Dr. Argenta promised improvement."

And, significantly, Dr. Argenta declined his fee, and Baptist Hospital joined in to bear the $15,000 cost of the life changing surgery through its benevolent fund, provided by the Mother's Day Offering.

Corrective surgery came through two steps. The first required "balloon" expanders to be inserted into her neck. Then, each week for six weeks the balloons were enlarged until she felt like a "giant chipmonk."

When enough "extra skin" had been grown, Argenta did the second operation, which required basically, removal of her facial skin below the eyes and a scraping of the cystic roots from the bone. Then, the skin from her neck was pulled up and sewn to become her new facial skin.

"I knew for 18 years it was God's will I be healed, but I didn't know how God would work it out," said Leticia, 45. "I know it's God who worked this miracle because of all the things that worked out. It could only be God. Truly, it was one miracle after another."

Her employers allowed her to work at nights when others were not around during the neck expanding phase, and for the weeks following her surgery.

Three months after the surgery, she was healed enough so that, with heavy makeup, she could return to work. "When everyone saw me, they just cried," she said.

"I would like to thank North Carolina Baptists. God will bless them for their giving in the areas they need it most. They will receive a blessing they will know came from God.

"I've learned never to give up. Even if you have a lingering disease, God will be there if we just keep believing according to His Word."

Touching Lives With Hope

Through the • ***Mother's Day Offering*** • for Baptist Hospital's Benevolent Care • 100% of each gift assists those who have special needs.

Week of Prayer May 5-12, 1996

GOAL: $500,000

Hospital helps them recover from near-death disaster

Midnight Snack Almost Toasts Family

All they wanted was some cheese toast. But their midnight snack almost toasted them.

Reuben doesn't sleep when the kids are in the kitchen anymore, and Pamela (blue jacket) makes cheese toast in the toaster.

Reuben Bailey and his daughter, Pamela, were sleeping soundly in their rooms while three younger children made cheese toast June 26, 1994. When they didn't completely shut off the burner, seeping gas exploded into a kitchen fire, engulfing the apartment in heavy flames and smoke.

Frantic neighbors woke Bailey. He couldn't breath, smashed a window, jumped out, and quickly counted his children. Only Pamela was missing. He ran back in the front door and crawled beneath the smoke to her room, but couldn't find her before he passed out.

Rescue workers arrived in time to carry him to safety and find Pamela unconscious in her closet.

Outside, Reuben saw fire fighters carry her limp form out of the apartment and was certain she was gone.

But the workers were in time. She was rushed to Baptist Hospital for serious injury from smoke inhalation. She was hospitalized two weeks and couldn't talk for three weeks. Almost two years later, the smoke damage effects her voice, giving her the deep, raspy note of a lifelong smoker, rather than the lilting trill of the typical 12-year- old. A nagging cough persists.

She remembers nothing of the fire that destroyed her apartment and three others, except for about 30 seconds of terror when she awoke and couldn't breathe or get a window open before she passed out.

Reuben, a single father who works hard at a repackaging plant in Winston-Salem, lost everything in the fire but four bicycles, an iron and a telephone. He had no health insurance for his four children. Medicaid paid a significant portion of the $17,000 hospital bill, but the rest stood before him as an unscalable wall.

Then a letter came from Baptist Hospital saying the remainder of his bill would be paid through the benevolent fund provided by the Mother's Day Offering.

"I just thanked God when I got the letter," said Reuben, 38. "I knew with four children and all the other stuff I was taking care of that if I didn't have to pay but $25 a month toward a hospital bill it would interrupt my budget."

He wasn't much good at work the next day, he admits. He just went around laughing and showing his coworkers the letter that said the insurmountable bill was paid.

To North Carolina Baptists who give to make such blessings possible, Reuben says "Thank you."

"As a single parent, I'm so grateful for what they did," he said. "I had no way of knowing how I would take care of it or what it would mean for Pam's future to have such a bill.

"It was such an emotional thing when I got the letter, I cried. To get a blessing like that from some unknown source... you would think people didn't care about what happened to families like mine... to get that letter was overwhelming. It was God sent."

Reuben suffered an aneurysm one year later and is working again after recovering from temporary paralysis.

The Bailey children still love cheese toast. But now they make it in a toaster oven and melt the cheese in the microwave.

Think 'NC Baptist Hospital' Wh

In a favorite "Charlie Brown" comic strip, Lucy and her brother Linus have just finished a chicken dinner. Lucy is explaining to Linus how to make a wish on the wishbone.

"This is a wishbone, Linus," she said. "We both make our wishes and then pull it apart. Whoever breaks off the biggest part gets his wish."

Lucy begins the wishing: "I wish for a new doll, a new bicycle, four new sweaters, some new saddle shoes, a wristwatch and about one hundred dollars."

Then Linus gets his turn: "I wish for a long life for all my friends. I wish for peace in the world. I wish for great advancements in the fields of science and medicine, and..." But by this time, Lucy is throwing away the

Jim Murphy

Crystal and Jamie thank Baptists for their financial help in getting Tyler well.

Couple climbs insurmountable walls

Rosy Cheeks Turn Feverish

For three days after his birth, everything appeared normal in infant Tyler Hastings' life.

But on his first night home he ran a high fever from a blood infection and was back in the local hospital in Morganton for a week.

Five days later, he spiked a severe fever and was rushed to Baptist Hospital. Doctors there discovered he had bacterial spinal meningitis, a severe, deadly disease that often leaves survivors with brain damage. The next 12 hours, Tyler's parents learned, would determine whether Tyler would die, or live with possible permanent injury.

"The doctors kept us informed about what was going on with Tyler and his treatment," said Tyler's parents, Jamie and Crystal. "We were very impressed. To that point we had been in the dark and were just scared to death."

Tyler made it through the night and was transferred from ICU to a regular room the following morning. For eight days he showed steady improvement, although he was a sight. Collapsing veins forced nurses to put the IV needle in his head, but that move actually enabled Tyler greater freedom of movement.

But daily living expenses were costly for his parents, who stayed in a local hotel. Jamie was in a new job with no accumulated sick days, and Crystal had lost her job when the local bank changed hands, ousting most employees. There was no maternity insurance coverage.

To ease the Hastings' burden, Tyler was transferred back to Morganton as soon as he stabilized.

Today, a healthy, curly haired two-year-old, Tyler exhibits no sign that he endured a near-death illness. The only reminders for his parents are pictures, memories and bills.

With prenatal care, cesarean delivery, and Tyler's subsequent illnesses, the Hastings racked up medical bills of $26,000. Insurance covered 80 percent of Tyler's care. The rest was the Hastings' responsibility.

When Crystal became pregnant, Jamie left his higher paying sales job and joined the Morganton police force so he could be home more with her and their future son. Crystal was out of work, so bills were overwhelming.

Then they got a letter from Baptist Hospital "concerning your balance of $1,200." Crystal's "heart stopped" when she read it because she thought the letter would demand payment in full.

Instead, the letter announced Baptist Hospital was able to cancel the remaining debt because of gifts from North Carolina Baptists.

"We called and told everybody about the letter," said Crystal, a member of First Baptist Church, Morganton. "Words cannot express what it means to have a group of people, like family and friends and North Carolina Baptists to help you. Groups like those who help through

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...n You Hear 'Quality Health Care'

unbroken wishbone in disgust.

What do you think about when you hear the words, "Baptist Hospital?" Some think of bricks and mortar and institutions. Others would think of nurses, doctors, emergency rooms, and patients. Hopefully, others would let their minds reflect on the Mother's Day Offering.

Also, how good it is to be able to help those who would not find healing without someone who cares and gives. We are thankful for the unselfish contributions of Baptists who continue to put others before themselves.

This past year you have been faithful in your remembrance of the scripture which says, "I was sick, and you visited me." Your prayers and gifts have visited hundreds, giving them a new grasp on life and health. Please pray and think about Baptist Hospital. Then support the Mother's Day Offering with a generous contribution.

- Jim Murphy, *Director of Church and Community Relations*

Baptists' Helping Hands Reach Across State

The reach of the helping hands of Baptists across the state to North Carolina Baptist Hospital has aided many people over the years.

Len B. Preslar Jr., president of The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, wants his fellow Baptists to know more about this valuable resource, both as much-appreciated supporters and as individuals and families who might someday need access to the expertise and technology unique to an academic medical center.

"We are in an important time of transition in health care," said Preslar. "The impact of managed care has fostered an awareness of a need for alliances and affiliations, a new form of integration in the health care delivery system."

Len Preslar

"I hope that as part of our growth and development, Baptists throughout North Carolina will not only empathize with who we are and what we do, but that they will increasingly learn more about us and understand why it is important for them and for their communities to have access to some of the best health care in the region, available in an institution whose core values of excellence, compassion, innovation and integrity are consistent with their own."

While he welcomes the potential that managed care brings for moderating health care costs, Preslar is aware that access to quality care might be affected for some people.

"We want North Carolina Baptist Hospital to be a resource for all people, regardless of their insurance," he said. "I would simply urge people to inquire about their coverage and, if they find there are limitations on their ability to seek care here, contact us, and voice concern to their employer or insurer. Together, perhaps we can work for change."

Information or assistance about access to resources at North Carolina Baptist Hospital is as close as the nearest telephone. **Health on Call** at 1-800-446-2255 (or 910-716-2255) is staffed by registered nurses from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. **Health on Call's** mission is to provide accurate information and appropriate access to medical care to anyone who calls. "Nothing is too big or too small when your health is the question," says Joyce Pitts, R.N., **Health on Call** supervisor.

The leadership of the Bowman Gray/Baptist Hospital Medical Center has been working diligently for several years to anticipate change and to initiate action that will ensure that health care of the highest value (optimum outcomes and reasonable cost) is accessible to the people of North Carolina and the region.

The Medical Center long has been recognized as a leader in the treatment of, and research into causes for, cardiovascular diseases, stroke and cancer – the major causes of death and disability in America. All of the resources – the expert personnel and the latest technology – are available to everyone, from the youngest patient at Brenner Children's Hospital to the oldest in the J. Paul Sticht Center for Aging and Rehabilitation.

To further connect and broaden its traditional role as a provider of skilled, subspecialty care, The Medical Center has several new dimensions of service as a regional integrated delivery system:

- **QualChoice** of North Carolina is a health maintenance organization owned by The Medical Center contracting its unique triple-option, point-of-service plan to a full range of insurers and employers in the region.
- **Aegis Family Health Centers** is The Medical Center's network of primary care physicians dedicated to providing high quality, affordable and accessible health care, with a focus on prevention and wellness.
- **Management Directions** of North Carolina is a management services organization offering a full range of business support and management services to physicians and medical practices throughout the state.

"Our goal is to work with local communities and to enable them to do better what they already do, including primary care and specialty clinics, but to link with them effectively so it is almost as though we were a single organization," said Preslar.

"It's not just a matter of linking hospital to hospital, or specialty physicians to primary care physicians, it is the linkages each of us will need to be able to access those nonacute services – like home health, rehabilitation and long-term care – that are growing faster than acute care needs."

"Access to the best care possible is everyone's concern," Preslar said, "but not everyone's opportunity. I am considerably concerned about access to care for indigent people in our communities. Despite the emphasis on system reform, this issue is not being addressed at the national or state levels. It is important to build networks with insurers and employers who are able to pay reasonable prices for excellent care."

"At the same time, we acknowledge and embrace our charitable purpose and remain open to those persons who have no insurance or inadequate insurance. That is why we continue to need, and are ever so grateful for, the ministry of North Carolina Baptists who witness hope and healing through the annual Mother's Day Offering."

How NC Baptists blessed

'Tyler Will Know'

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the Mother's Day Offering are truly a blessing.

"Even though all who donated don't know us, it shows there are people in this world, even the way it is today, who care enough to help children like Tyler."

Jamie, 27, still facing a long hill to overcome the last of the bills, said "North Carolina Baptists will never know how much their paying that bill helped us financially and mentally."

Crystal, who keeps a meticulously detailed baby book, which records Tyler's every doctor's appointment and includes his hospital wrist bracelets, said, "Tyler will know about this. One day he will know and appreciate what North Carolina Baptists did for him and his family."

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

'Count The Cost' Before You Act

BY NORMAN JAMESON

It was the costliest glass Roy Tarpley ever raised. Tarpley is a professional basketball player who could have dominated the court if addictions didn't dominate him. He was suspended, again, by the NBA in December for violating provisions of his after-care program. He had been suspended before for cocaine use. This time, it was for an alcohol binge.

No one outside his private circle knows the circumstances of his latest failure at self-control. But when his bosses learned of it, he was off the team, out of the NBA and dropped from his $23 million contract.

Do you think Tarpley ever dreamed the demons who sang to him from the bottom of his glass would exact such a price? What was he thinking? I can handle it? I love the taste? My problems will be solved with another sip?

Did he sit, staring eyeball to cork with the bottle, and believe he could control it? Or are his personal problems so severe he would rather gain oblivion for a day and lose his lucrative job than face those problems with the support of a coherent mind, his family, friends, teammates, and bosses?

Few of us who entertain demons would let them near if we knew their price, if we didn't think we could control them. But, we can't. A former pastor of mine jokingly said he learned how to quit wrestling with temptation: "Give in early."

The wisest among us doesn't give in early, but "runs" from temptation.

Probably no one reading this has $23 million at stake. But we have things immeasurable to lose if we dare dance with the demons—our children, our spouses, our jobs, our self-respect, our standing in the community, our sense that the people around us love and appreciate us, our very souls. No money can buy, repair, or replace those.

If you play, you'll pay. Samson thought he was strong enough to avoid temptation's consequences. But when Delilah seduced him into telling her the secret of his strength on her fourth attempt, he was doomed. His enemies seized him, gouged out his eyes and hitched him to a grist mill.

What is the cost of a joust with sin, a double-dog-dare-ya with the devil? It cost Samson his eyes; Tarpley his career; Hugh Grant international humiliation; Jimmy Swagget his ministry; Michael English his ministry and career; Sandi Patti her marriage and witness.

It costs the marriages and mental health of masses of Americans every year, hitching them to grist mills to grind and toil their lives away, wishing they had seen — and avoided — the temptations that thrilled for a moment, and strapped them to punishment for a lifetime.

The Bible doesn't warn us to flee temptation because it is the prudish diary of some blushing, faint-hearted spinster who never ventures further from her room than the church house.

It warns us to flee because turning our backs on bottles, or pornography, drugs, sex, fax scams, gambling, anger or theft is the best way to keep those temptations from plunging their long, boney fingers through our chests and clutching our hearts. The Author knows temptation's strength and mankind's weakness.

Sodom's wicked reputation was well established when Lot camped near the city gates, as told in Genesis. But Lot thought he could soak up a little excitement without getting wet. When that city went up in flames, he lost anything he wasn't carrying, including his wife.

Tony Campolo says Americans know the price of everything but the value of nothing.

The price of Roy Tarpley's liquor was probably less than $100. But it cost $23 million, and a life.

What could be the cost of your besetting weakness if you don't turn your back—and run?

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LAY RENEWAL

Renewal Celebration Planned

Adults and youth who have been involved in Lay Renewal, and those interested in becoming involved, are invited to the Renewal Celebration May 3–4 at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro. The cost is $35 per person (based on double occupancy) which includes lodging and meals. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday with dinner and concludes with lunch on Saturday. Keynote speaker is Reid Hardin, director of Renewal and Reconciliation, Home Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA.

Highlights of the conference include an update of the new itinerary for the Church Renewal Journey, the role of Renewal in the SBC-wide Celebrate Jesus 1999–2000 Campaign to get the gospel to every person by the year 2000, and orientation on the international reconciliation conference to be held during September 1997 in Coventry, England. Inspirational music, testimonies, and messages will be a strong part of the conference.

For more information or registration check the appropriate item on the back page.

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LAY REVIVALS

Sharing Our Faith With Others Is Critical

The year 2000 is quickly approaching. Baptists adopted a goal to see that everyone on this earth had an opportunity to accept Jesus Christ by the year 2000. Jimmy Carter was president at the time we made this commitment in 1976.

Today, there are over two billion people in this world who have yet to hear the story of Jesus. There are thousands here in North Carolina who are lost and need to hear about how Jesus died for them. There are millions in the United States who are lost and without hope.

May I encourage you who know Jesus to share your faith with your neighbors, friends, family, fellow employees and your employer. We really need to get serious about our commitment to Christ. As a believer, I am responsible to tell others. How often have you heard the expression, "That's the pastor's job?" Let me enlighten you. The pastors can't do it by themselves. We must face up to our responsibility. All Jesus asks of you and me is that we tell what we have experienced. I realize you can't tell if you don't know. It's the believer, the saved, the ones who have accepted Jesus, who are duty bound to tell others. "Ye shall be my witnesses." My friend, we are all too quiet.

There is much going on in our state in regards to this subject. There is training for those who need it. There are witnessing workshops and materials that you can attend. There are groups that you can join who will train you. They have people who will train you "on the job."

Folks, it's not that we don't know how. It really comes down to the fact of "want to" or commitment on our part as individuals. God help us to cast all our fear on Him. He has promised that He would go with us. He even promised that He would give us the words to say. You have trusted Him with your salvation; why do you doubt His promise on this?

The Baptist Lay Witness Foundation has many lay witness revivals every year in churches all over our convention. You are welcome to come and observe or participate at any time. These meetings are witnessing in action. Come and see how it is done, and I'll assure you that you, too, can do the same as we do. We are not extraordinary people. We are ordinary people with an extraordinary God! If your church would like to have a lay-led revival, contact Ed Bullock, Evangelism Division, Baptist State Convention, (800) 395–5102, Ext. 454 or check the appropriate item on the back page.

My prayer is that you will become a witness for Jesus. The Scripture says "he that winneth souls is wise."

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OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Prague Update

We began the year with a full plate of work to do in Prague. All of our weeks are assigned and most of the teams recruited. If you are interested in working on the International Baptist Theological Seminary project in Prague, give Sandy Smith a call at (800) 395–5102, Ext. 322. Landscaping the grounds is scheduled for this spring and summer. The campus is beginning to become the finished jewel that many envisioned.

A trip for volunteers to attend the dedication of the seminary is planned for November 6–10. Deatils will be mailed to all volunteers.

1996 Ukraine Dates Listed

April 20–May 4; May 4–18; May 11–25; May 25–June 8; June 1–15; June 8–22; June 15–29; June 22–July 6; July 6–20; July 20–August 3; August 3–17; August 10–24; August 17–31; August 31–September 14; September 7–21; September 14–28; September 21–October 5; September 28–October 12; October 5–19; October 12–26; October 19–November 2; October 26–November 9; November 9–23

To request a 'Ukraine Volunteer in Missions' application form, call the Office of Partnership Missions, (800) 395–5102 or (919) 467–5100, Ext. 171, or check the appropriate item on the back page.

Teachers To China Needed

Join the group this summer to teach English and share Christ with students in China. The Foreign Mission Board, SBC sponsors this five-week project through Cooperative Services International (CSI). Dates are approximately July 1 through August 6, and costs approximately $2,250.

North Carolina Baptists would like to provide the 12 teachers needed for the two participating colleges in Shandong Province (Lottie Moon's province). This will be a life-changing experience for you and the students your life will touch. If you are interested, contact Coy Privette, (704) 933–3734 for further information, or check the appropriate item on the back page.

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Sports In Missions Opportunities Announced

BASKETBALL TEAM

This year NCBM will again take a basketball team overseas to be involved in sports evangelism. The trip this year is to the island of St. Lucia in the West Indies and takes place July 20–28. The cost is $1,400 per person and includes all travel, meals, housing, uniforms etc. It does not include the cost of a passport which is required. Players must be in the 10th–12th grade. They may be school, church or recreational ball players. First and foremost they should be mature Christian young men. An application must be completed and mailed by April 1. A day of interviews and tryouts will be held during April.

SOCCER TEAM

For the second year, NCBM will also sponsor an Overseas Soccer Mission Team. The trip this year will be a 14-day trip during the last part of June to South Africa in conjunction with the N.C./South African Partnership. An exact departure date has not been confirmed. The cost is $2,000 per person and includes airfare, meals, lodging, insurance, and travel while in South Africa. This does not include the cost of a required passport. Applications must be mailed in by April 1.

This team will play soccer and conduct clinics as a means of sharing the gospel. Young men must be in the 9th–12th grade, and mature Christians as well as good soccer players. Tryouts and interviews will be held during April.

WILMINGTON SPORTS CAMP

This summer during the week of June 24–27, NCBM will be conducting a basketball camp in inner-city Wilmington.

Basketball is used as a tool to minister to inner-city youth in the projects of Wilmington. This trip is open to adults and youth in the 11th and 12th grades. Those interested should be knowledgeable about basketball and interested in working with young people. Your cost for this trip will be minimal; it will include meals during the week and possibly a low housing cost. Car-pooling to Wilmington can be arranged. Those interested in this challenging and rewarding sports mission trip should send in an application no later than May 1, 1996.

For applications and additional information, check the appropriate item on the back page.

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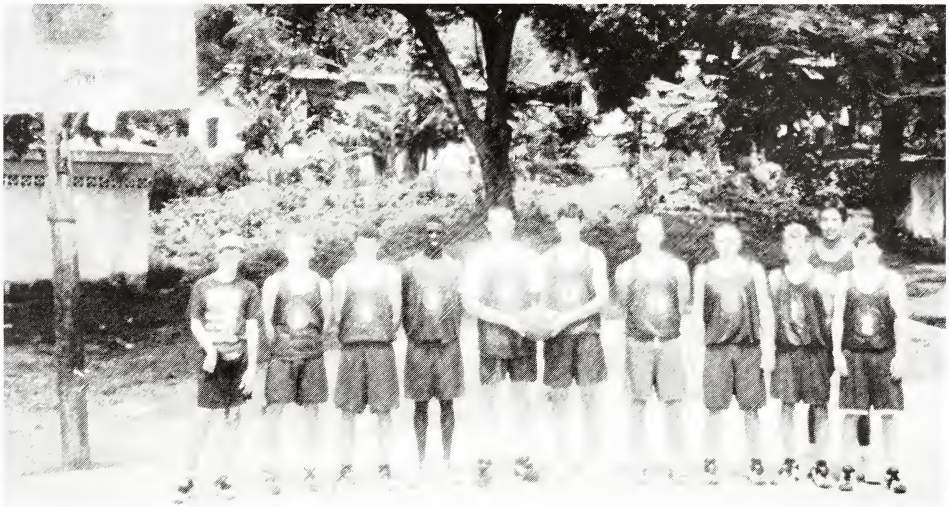


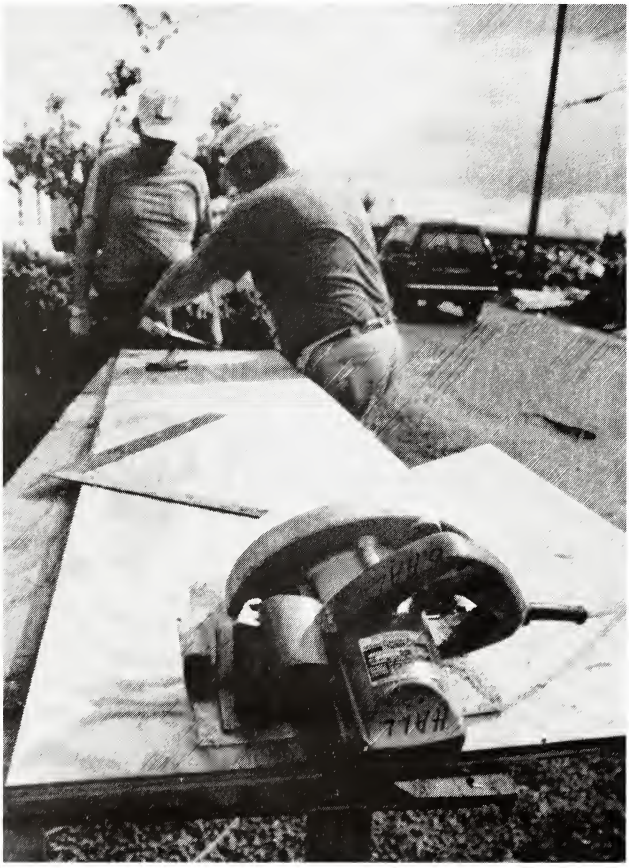
1995 North Carolina Baptist Men's Challenger Basketball Team to St. Vincent, West Indies: (left to right) Clay Blackwell, team manager, First Church, Hickory; Steve Martin, Covenant Church, Conover; Cliff Brown, Dortches Church, Rocky Mount; Markeath "George" James, Mount Vernon Church, Boone; Steven Myers, First Church, High Point; Tim Smith, Edenton Church, Edenton; Mark McCracken, Centerview Church, Maiden; Nate Hoffman, Highland Church, Hickory; Matthew Swicegood, Edenton Church, Edenton; Gary Bowne, coach, First Church, Hickory; Eric Townsend, Mount Vernon Church, Boone.

Dedications And Accomplishments Reported

February 4, 1996 was an important day in N.C. Homeland Missions for (by coincidence) the dedication of two homeland projects took place: New Beginning Church, King; and Korean First Church, Raleigh. The two projects were very different from each other. New Beginning (5,168 sq. ft.) started in June '95, and Korean First (12,000 sq. ft.) began in September '93. Both projects represent successful partnerships between hardworking members and volunteers willing to share their skills, vision, and fellowship as fellow Christians. Thanks be to God that both projects were completed and stand as testimonies to what can be done when we work together for His glory and purpose.

CURRENT PROJECTS:

Sims Church, Sims (near Wilson)—2,904 sq.ft. brick/frame is now ready for finish interior trim, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and landscaping. Do not miss the pleasure and fellowship of working with Pete Stone, (919) 235–3635, and his congregation.



Pittsboro Church Hispanic Mission, Pittsboro—4,708 sq.ft. brick/frame building is now dried in. HELP!!! Project needs sheetrock, electrical rough-in and plumbing rough-in. Bill Poindexter, (919) 542–3819, is the on-site coordinator. Bill has been a very dedicated volunteer on many projects, mission trips, and lay renewals. Please help Bill see this project through. Call him to schedule your group.

Main Street Church, China Grove—11,000 sq.ft. multi-purpose building built with light metal and brick. Volunteers needed to finish inside shell. Pastor Larry Beavers serves as coordinator: (704) 857–0871 home; (704) 855–3274 church. Project is now ready for painting, finish trim, finish electrical, finish plumbing, and HVAC.

Fellowship Church, Greensboro—3,000 sq. ft. brick veneer/frame building scheduled to begin in April. Contact Barry Nealy, Piedmont Association office, (910) 275–7651.

The Voice of Hope, Hispanic Church, Charlotte—This is a primary work project with Hearts and Hammers of Independence Hill Church, Charlotte. 5,060 sq.ft. building of brick/frame construction to be built beginning June 29 through July with primary framing taking place June 29–July 8. Hearts and Hammers successfully coordinated the Charlotte Chinese Church in the summer of '94. It would be a pleasure for you to join them. Call Alton Stewart for scheduling at (704) 875–1257.

Community Missionary Church, Havelock—The construction emphasis for this Atlantic Association project takes place during April 8–20. Call Atlantic Association at (800) 676–0270. (See related article in this issue.)

"I CARE" South Miami—Volunteers are still needed for homes without water, electricity, and damaged as a result of Hurricane Andrew. Some rehab work is also being done. "I CARE" has a nice volunteer complex, providing food and lodging for $35 per person for a week. They also provide all building materials. Numerous opportunities exist for personal witnessing while working. If interested, call "I CARE", (800) 637–5790.

Camp Mundo Vista, Asheboro—Schedule of winterizing summer cottages continues as a project sponsored by N.C. WMU and NCBM. December Christmas project was not very successful as volunteer involvement was low. We need to "catch up" and complete this project through early spring. Call Bob Navey, (910) 629–4213, to schedule your group. HELP!!

N.C. Baptist Assembly, Caswell

Numerous continuing projects available. Contact David Lloyd, associate director at Caswell, (910) 278–9501.

New York Partnership

For a current list of numerous construction needs or other volunteer opportunities, call Linda Hicks, Office of Partnership Missions, (800) 395–5102, Ext. 171, or your associational office for a pairing. There are many, many needs.

Graffiti, Manhattan, NY—A large Jewish synagogue purchased by Graffiti Center is now being demolished. Brick masons will be needed in April. This is a long-term project. Please call Grover Fletcher at the Graffiti Center, (212) 473–0044, to schedule your group or for more information.

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Storm Hits Everglades And Enlarges Building

A storm of 13 men hit Everglades City, Florida recently and, in record time, added much needed space to the fellowship hall of the First Church.

The men, led by Jasper Evans, are members of Pritchard Memorial Church in Charlotte. Their annual construction mission trips have taken them all over the southeast and into several foreign countries. Paying their own expenses, they take time from their regular jobs to help build churches when local manpower is limited and extra hands are needed.

First Church, Everglades City, pastored by Eric Weldon and his wife, Nita, is a small congregation compared to many churches, especially in the summer when the winter residents return to their northern homes. It's during the winter season that extra space is needed. So it seemed only fitting that fellow Christians from North Carolina travel to this tropical paradise and help with the construction. The fellowship hall is used for regular pancake breakfasts, covered dish dinners, receptions, adult Bible studies, and youth gatherings.

Pastor Eric Weldon (standing) offers moral support and a hand in the construction.

Help Construct Havelock Community Missionary Church's First Building

Experienced and amateur volunteers are needed any time April 8-20 to help build this predominately black Southern Baptist Mission Church in Havelock, N.C.

Havelock Community Missionary Church is an intentional church start to reach the black community of Havelock. It is a sound, biblically-based church. Their primary focus is to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. They currently meet in a shopping center, but have outgrown their facilities. In less than two years, they grew from a small handful to now averaging over 80 in worship. In fact, on Wednesday nights, they have more than 50 youth in their programs. God has certainly blessed this friendship. After a year of trying to purchase land owned by three families (two of the land owners died during the year), they finally closed on their property. Only God could have provided for the purchase of 4.48 acres of prime real estate for only $70,000. What a miracle! However, the mission church cannot afford to borrow more than $160,000 for a new building and land. Therefore, the only way they will be able to build their first unit will be for volunteers like you to help. Atlantic Association is putting together a church "barn raising" the first two weeks in March.

Soooo——please call Atlantic Association's toll free number, (800) 676-0270, to sign up your group of Baptist men and women. Housing and camper sites will be available. Also, the ladies of the church will provide a noon meal. Framers, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, sheetrockers, painters, and general helpers are needed. "As director of missions, I believe this mission project has the potential for being the top mission experience of a lifetime for anyone involved," stated Keith Hamiliton.

Hope Builders Offers Chance For Churches To Make A Difference

North Carolina Baptist Men is currently working together with local Baptist associations and local helping agencies, to develop a network of help for low-income homeowners to repair their homes. "Hope Builders" not only restores the homes but also renews the hope of these folks who so often "fall between the cracks". Often, these homeowners are the elderly poor, living on a fixed income.

"Partner churches" will have the chance to adopt a project, providing both materials and labor to renovate the homes of "partner families." "Partner churches" may come from anywhere across the state. "Host churches" are congregations in the immediate area who will assist the "partner churches" with various physical needs (lodging and meal arrangements, locating materials, etc.). "Host churches" will, hopefully, also develop a relationship and on-going ministry to the "partner family" once the project is completed.

Projects vary widely in cost ($500–$2,000), and completion time (2–7 days). A detailed list of projects is available through N.C. Baptist Men. The target date for these projects will be sometime in the spring, summer or fall of 1996, allowing "partner churches" to work out a date that best fits their schedule.

This year, projects will be held in Kings Mountain (Shelby) Association, Cabarrus (Concord) Association, and Union (Monroe) Association. If your church or men's group is interested in participating in a Hope Builders project, or if you would like more information, please contact Mark Abernathy at (800) 395–5102 Ext. 335 or check the appropriate item on the back page. "Hope Builders: Restoring Homes—Renewing Hope!"

Work Day Scheduled For Camp Caraway

On Saturday, May 4, there will be a work day at Camp Caraway boys' camp. Baptist Men's groups are encouraged to help with this project in order to help get camp ready for the summer. Among some of the projects to be done are painting of cabins, re-shingling several cabins, work on trails (including placing cross-ties and spreading gravel) and cutting dead trees. Lunch and supper provided on Saturday. If your group would like to stay at the camp on Friday night in order to get an early start on Saturday, both supper and lodging will be provided. Youth are welcome to participate. If you would like to help with this much needed project, please contact Mark Abernathy by April 22 at (800) 395–5102, Ext. 335 or check the appropriate item on the back page.

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MEDICAL MISSIONS

Volunteers Needed For Mission Trip To India

Two exciting mission trips need medical/dental personnel. N.C. Baptist Men, along with the Cooperative Services International (CSI) department of the FMB, and the World A Resource Center, is sponsoring two medical/dental mission trips to the Himalayan Mountains of Northern India.

The first trip is a trekking trip scheduled for June 8–June 30, 1996. We need a doctor, a dentist, two nurses, one medical student and other college students for this trip. This trip involves medical clinics, puppet teams, prayer ministry, outreach with children and one-on-one sharing. More hiking is involved than for the July-August trip. The cost is $2,800 per person. This covers food, most meals, medicines, most camping gear (bring your own sleeping bag), airfare (from the gateway city), surface travel, etc.—everything except spending money and personal clothing.

The second trip dates are July 20–August 10, 1996. This Ladakh Medical team involves 8–10 medical and dental personnel. We need one optometrist, two physicians, one dentist, two nurses, one pharmacist and one medical student. This medical team travels from village to village in the isolated region of the Zanskar Valley (Ladakh Range, also called Little Tibet) of Northern India. Roads in this region are only open about four months out of the year due to heavy snowfall. This team travels mainly by bus. Again, the cost is $2,800 per person. This covers food, most meals, medicines, most camping gear (bring your own sleeping bag), airfare (from the gateway city), surface travel, etc. - everything except spending money and personal clothing.

On both trips, the elevation where we will be working is between 10,000–12,000 feet. While we are in this area we will travel from village to village providing free clinics during the day and sharing Christ through our words and our actions. We will be working with the Kashmiri people group. The Kashmiris are one of the unreached people groups. There are approximately five million Kashmiri people and only a handful of them are Christians. Most of the people who we will be working with have never heard of Jesus Christ.

Mission trip volunteers need to be in good physical condition, be able to work well as a team and under stress, and have a true Christian love and concern for the people who we will be helping.

If you are interested in this project, contact N.C. Baptist Men as soon as possible. Applications must be returned by April 1. Please enclose a check of $100 for your deposit with your application. Make checks payable to N.C. Baptist Men. If you have any questions call Richard Brunson at (800) 395–5102 or (919) 467–5100, Ext. 323. Please make this trip a matter of your prayers.

PRAYER SUPPORT

Pray For Unreached People Groups

North Carolina Baptist Men and the World A Resource Center of Gardner-Webb University have become prayer partners for unreached people groups. These unreached people groups represent millions of people, one-fourth of the entire world's population. These unreached people are in places where there is no, or very limited, access to the gospel. In fact, most have never heard of Jesus Christ. These are places where, because of political or other reasons, traditional missionary efforts are not possible. Methods such as medical, agricultural, and construction means are the only way to have contact with these unreached people groups.

In the Owner's Manual, information on these people groups and a request for prayer are listed each month. The Owner's Manual is a companion piece to MANDATE, the N.C. missions video magazine that highlights state, national and international missions. We will also include three of these groups in each issue of Men on Mission for the next year:

Pray for the Tibetan (tib-bet-n) people group. There are 5,000,000 Tibetan people. Most of these people live in Tibet (tib-bet) and India. Of all the Tibetan people, there are only 440 Christians. Pray that the Tibetan people will come to know of God's love for them as revealed in Jesus Christ.

Pray for the Uzbek (ooze-beck) people group. There are 16,000,000 Uzbek people. Most of these people live in Uzbekistan (ooze-beck-ee-stan) and Kazakbstan (kaa [as in cat] zack-ee-stan). Of all the Uzbek people, there are only 1,460 Christians. Pray that the Uzbek people will come to know of God's love for them as revealed in Jesus Christ.

Pray for the Kashmiri (cash-meer-ee) people group. There are 4,000,000 Kashmiri people. Most of

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these people live in India and Pakistan (pack-ee-stan). Of all the Kashmiri people, there are only 400 Christians. Pray that the Kashmiri people will come to know of God's love for them as revealed in Jesus Christ.

Baptist Men have been involved in several mission trips to these unreached people groups with plans to expand opportunities to go into these areas of the world.

If you would like more information about these groups listed or other unreached people groups, please contact Cathy Ollis, World A Resource Center, School of Divinity, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, N.C. 28017; (704) 434–4656. To subscribe to Mandate, the missions video magazine, contact Public Relations, Baptist State Convention at (800) 395–5102 or (919) 467–5100 Ext. 142. The cost is $20 per year which includes 12 monthly video programs and an Owner's Manual.

Prayer Retreat At Caswell

The 1995 prayer retreat at N.C. Baptist Assembly (Caswell) proved a tremendous success and joy-filled time for the approximately 50 Baptist Men and spouses who attended. Crate Jones, retired pastor and writer from Durham; his wife, Harriett, a well-known Christian speaker; Archie Jones, former missionary to Chile; and Jim Butler, a lay singer from Rieglewood led the retreat. Folks left being uplifted by the Holy Spirit after warm music, prayer, worship and fellowship. Hopes are high for a late spring or early summer retreat in the Asheville/Black Mountain area in addition to the one already planned for October 18–19 at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro. Look for more details in future issues of Men On Mission.

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ROYAL AMBASSADORS/CHALLENGERS

Note Changes In Caraway Schedule

This year, Camp Caraway will be on a slightly different schedule than in years past. In order to better accommodate those churches who may want to send boys to camp Caraway and girls to Camp Mundo Vista at the same time, registration for Caraway will be held Monday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The camp session will end on Friday at 12:30 p.m.

The following weeks are available for boys ages 9–17: June 17–21; June 24–28; July 8–12; July 15–19; July 29–August 2. Special father/son camps are also available (see related story). All boys are welcome at camp and do not have to be Royal Ambassadors to attend. Cost for the camp is $90 per person.

Camp Caraway is entering its 34th consecutive year of offering boys from across the state a spiritually-challenging, fun-filled week of summer camp. The well-rounded program includes such activities as archery, canoeing, swimming, hiking, camping, ropes course, basketball, volleyball, and more. In addition to daily quiet times, and nightly devotions, a camp pastor and camp missionary add to the spiritual development of each boy through daily Bible and missions studies.

Each boy is placed in a cabin with other boys his age under the care of a well-qualified, well-trained Christian young man who serves as his counselor for the week. If your son or RA has never attended camp Caraway, make this year their first - they'll be glad you did!

For more information, check the appropriate item on the back page.

Campcraft Offers Chance To Learn New Skills

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Two times a year, N.C. Baptist Men provides an opportunity for adults to learn new camping skills through Adult Campcraft Training. The training covers such areas as firecraft, ropecraft, equipment, map & compass, conservation, and more. The 1996 Campcraft dates are April 19–21 and October 18–20 at the Camp Caraway Family Campground near Asheboro. Cost is $35 per person which includes food, instruction and your campsite fee. Participants must bring their own tent, sleeping bag, and equipment. The training begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and concludes at noon on Sunday.

Participants learn new camping skills as well as enjoy the fellowship of other RA leaders. The skills learned can be utilized for personal development as well as to lead local RA and Challenger groups in successful, safe, and meaningful camping experiences. The Campcraft training includes three levels of instruction: basic, advanced, and instructor.

For more information or registration check the appropriate item on the back page.

RA Congress Is Fun For All!

Three regional Congresses for boys in grades 1–6 and their parents and counselors are planned for Saturday April 13. Cost is $5 per person which includes the program and a hot dog lunch. On-site registration begins at 8:15 a.m. and the program, which includes singing, a missionary speaker, and an entertainer, begins at 10:30 a.m. Boys do not have to be an active RA member to attend. Pre-registration with the N.C. Baptist Men's office is required for this event and due by April 5 (one week before the Congress).

The Eastern Congress will be at First Church in Kinston. The Central Congress will be at Mills Childrens Home in Thomasville. The Western Congress will be at East Middle School in Icard, just off of I-40.

Once again, RAs from across the state will gather to enjoy the fun and excitement of RA Congress. Relay races, tug-o-wars, softball throws, missions fair, banner contest, and RA racer run-offs are just some of the events planned for this year's Congress. Your boys will want to join in the fun! Come and join us!

For more information, check the appropriate item on the back page.

RA's On Mission

RA's of Wilkesboro Church participating in leaf raking project.

Experience Christian High Adventure

Christian High Adventure (CHA) is an opportunity for young men ages 14 1/2 and up, to experience a week of backpacking on the Appalachian Trail. Counselors, fathers and other males who want to join in on these weeks are also welcome. Cost for the trip is $105 per person and includes all expenses except boots, clothing, and personal items. Nine weeks are open this summer for CHA beginning Sunday, June 9 and concluding with the week of Sunday August 4.

Four of these weeks are designated for coed youth groups on a first-come, first-serve basis. Special arrangements must be made with NCBM to reserve one of these weeks for your group.

Beautiful Mount Rogers National Recreation area, near Troutdale, Virginia, is the backdrop for these trips. Participants on CHA learn backpacking skills such as equipment selection, trail procedures, campsite selection and setup, map and compass, hygiene, rock climbing, and rappelling. Each participant is challenged toward spiritual growth through morning devotions, evening rap sessions, and time spent in meditation with the Creator.

This summer, why don't you consider taking time for a Christian High Adventure! For a brochure and application, please check the appropriate item on the back page.

Strengthen Father/Son Relationships at Camp Caraway

A special time is reserved at Camp Caraway for boys in grades 1–3 and their fathers (or grandfathers, uncles, or any other adult male over 21). It's the Camp Caraway Father and Son Mini Camps. The cost is $42 per person which includes meals, lodging, and program. A ratio of one adult per three boys is required. Because of the popularity of these mini camps, we have added a third session for 1996. The dates for the Father and Son Mini Camps are July 1–3, July 3–5, and August 5–7.

To strengthen family relationships, there is no substitute for time spent together. The bond between a father and son is an especially important one. Boys need to spend time just having fun with their fathers. At Camp Caraway, boys and their fathers can enjoy a fun-filled time of swimming, basketball, archery, canoeing, Bible Study, and much, much more.

These weeks fill fast, so early registration is important. For more information, check the appropriate item on the back page.

Fathers & Sons To Explore Treasure Island At Retreat

The North Carolina Baptist Assembly (Caswell) will sponsor its first Father-Son retreat March 29–30 at the Assembly. The retreat is open to fathers with sons in first through fifth grades. The Assembly encourages fathers to bring only one son so that they have each other's undivided attention. Cost is $25 per person.

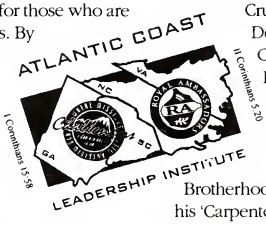
Treasures will abound for participants in this retreat. Dads will discover ways to unearth the "diamond in the rough" that is hidden under every youngster's exterior. Boys will learn how to treasure the things in life that are truly valuable—family, friends and faith. Both dads and their sons will enjoy time together fishing, playing basketball or tennis, or just hanging out. Everyone will enjoy large group activities that include a bonfire on the beach and a treasure hunt.

For more information, contact Lynn Goswick, Assistant Conference Coordinator, at the N.C. Baptist Assembly, (910) 278–9501.

RA/Challengers Leadership Institute Coming In May

Anyone who works with RAs or Challengers should mark their calendars now for the Atlantic Coast RA/Challengers Leadership Institute coming May 31–June 1, 1996 at Wingate University. The Institute will begin with registration Friday, May 31 at 4:00 p.m. and conclude Saturday at 6:30 p.m. following the recognition banquet. Cost for the Institute is $50 per person which includes lodging, meals, notebook, T-shirt and conference fee. There is also a $45 option for those arriving after supper on Friday night. Pre-registration through the N.C. Baptist Men's Office is required.

The Leadership Institute can meet the needs of both the beginner and the seasoned veteran. Sponsored by the Brotherhood Departments of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia, it offers in-depth, specific training for those working with RAs and Challengers in the local church. Participants may choose from three tracks: Royal Ambassadors, Challengers, and Associational RA Director. A special course will be held for those who are Church RA Directors. By participating in three 'core' courses and two 'elective' courses, individuals may earn a certificate of completion.



Conference leaders for the Institute include some of the foremost RA and Challenger leadership in the SBC today, including Cliff Satterwhite of South Carolina, Bill Berry of Virginia, Brad Smith of Georgia, and Tim Seanor and James Warren of the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis Tenn. Subjects offered include: Promotion; Planning; Missions Opportunities; Interest Activities; Recognition Ceremonies; Combined Meeting Plans; EZRA Club Meetings; Mission Focus Time; RA Advancement; Lad, Crusader, and Challenger Development; Crafts; Games; Developing Leadership Among Challengers; World Changers Express (coed youth); and more!

M.B. Howard of the Brotherhood Commission will have his 'Carpenter's Shop' ready and available at 3:00 p.m. Friday for early participants to have a chance to work on a hands-on crafts project for missions. Don't miss this excellent opportunity to sharpen your skills as a leader of boys and young men in your church.

For more information, check the appropriate item on the back page.

Official Track Meet Information Released

The 1996 State RA/Challengers Track Meet will be held on May 18 for Crusaders and Challengers at Southwest Randolph High School in Asheboro. Registration begins Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. and concludes at 10:00 a.m. The cost will be $3.50 for each boy who participates and must be received in the N.C. Baptist Men's office, along with the roster, by May 11. This is a participation fee only, no meal is included. The fee is non-refundable but can be applied to an alternate participant. Food will be available on site for purchase.

The following are changes from previous years:

This year a trophy will be given to the church (not the association) with highest point total in each age division. Also the Bill Hern Missions Award will be given to the church with the highest overall score. There will be no associational award; however, churches must still participate in the associational meet to be eligible for the state meet. This year first, second, and third place finishers at the associational meet will be eligible for the state meet. To ensure that there is no confusion, only those rules and forms that say 1996 will be used. There will be no exceptions.

Preliminaries will run from 10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and finals from 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. (There will be no preliminaries on field events.) The awards will be presented at 4:00 p.m. First, second and third places will receive medals.

Lodging can be arranged at the Comfort Inn (910) 626–4414 and Days Inn (910) 629–2101. Churches will need to make their own reservations—make sure to ask for the N.C. Baptist Men's block when calling.

If you have questions or if additional information is needed, please call Jimmy Huffman at (800) 395–5102 or (919) 467–5100, Ext. 342 or check the appropriate item on the back page.

World Changers Crew Chiefs Needed

During the summer of 1996, there will be two World Changers National Work Projects held in North Carolina. One will be located in western N.C. in Murphy during July 20–27, and one in the capital city of Raleigh from July 27–August 3rd. These projects will involve instructing youth as they work on low-income housing. Knowledge of construction is preferred, but a willingness to work with youth is a must. All crew chiefs will be volunteers, however, travel expenses are paid to the location and back.

To receive a crew chief application, contact NCBM at (800) 395–5102 (Ext. 342) or check the appropriate item on the back page.

CHECK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Spring 1996, For additional information and registration, check the appropriate block and mail this back page (with the label) to: North Carolina Baptist Men, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107

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  #_____ persons attending @ $35 = Total $_____
- ❑ Disaster Relief Training Changes, Apr. 19–20, Caraway. Cost: $45/person for Feeding or Child Care Training; $35/person for Recovery Training, includes three meals, lodging, program fee and hat. Registration Deadline is March 15.
  #_____ persons attending @ $45 = Total $_____
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- ❑ Renewal Celebration, May 3–4, Caraway Conference Center. Cost: $35/person (based on double occupancy) includes lodging and meals.
  #_____ persons attending @ $35 = Total $_____
- ❑ Workday at Camp Caraway
  #_____ volunteers
  #_____ volunteers needing overnight lodging
- ❑ Campcraft Workshop, April 19–21, Camp Caraway. Cost: $35/person, includes food, instruction, and campsite fee.
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